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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/09/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/02/03
BRO-FRY	161,889	164,984
LT HENS	1,135	1,232
HVY HENS	1,521	1,551

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	196	0	196
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	276	0	276
SAME WEEK YR AGO	302	33	335
TO-DATE/2003	7,906	108	8,014
TO-DATE/2002	9,784	214	9,998

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,329	1,499	2,828
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,381	1,459	2,840
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,935	1,593	3,528
TO-DATE/2003	56,325	42,714	99,039
TO-DATE/2002	64,545	42,274	106,819

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,246	1,133	1,499	2,632
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.20	6.13
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564
SAME WK YR AGO	157,689	1,633	1,560	3,193
AVG WT	4.99	3.48	7.78	5.58
TO-DATE/2003	4,726,360	48,419	42,606	91,025
TO-DATE/2002	4,794,474	54,761	42,060	96,821

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 1.5 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	25,641	25,332	45,084
Avg Weight	3.80	4.81	6.10
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,046	20,367	28,940
Avg Weight	3.88	4.87	5.97
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%

To date/2003	732,842	694,567	1,367,697
To date/2002	849,328	717,212	1,360,641

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958
AVG WT	15.81	35.10	24.51	35.23	26.67
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
SAME WK YR AGO	1,937	2,875	58	3	4,873
AVG WT	15.61	34.03	23.27	22.84	26.58
TO-DATE/2003	57,071	83,916	1,892	449	143,328
TO-DATE/2002	56,354	83,465	1,475	238	141,532

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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